



**Start of Mina Kocherthaler
Collection**

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Mina Kocherthaler Collection, 1938-2005

Mr. Renata Stein, Art Curator,
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U.S.A.

Dear Ms. Stein, re: Mina Kockerthaler.

My sister Sarah - Mrs. Philip Arkin,
sponsored Mina, from London, England,
where we were living just prior to, and
during the last war.

I will proceed to give you what
we can give you about her. Fortunately her
sister now lives in New York. She is
Anni, Mrs. Newbeck, and I am ^{sure} will be most
helpful about Mina.
Mina lived with us for some time and
we tried to help her to live a pleasant life.

I have very poor sight, and no type-writer or other device to write so hope you will find this readable.

My sister Sarah, Mrs. Philip Orkin made all the arrangements but she has passed away

However this is an account as I remember it-

We were given the time Nina was due in London, and arranged with a German-speaking gentleman to meet her and bring her to us. We lived in two rooms! Mine shared mine and we used Sarah's as our sittingroom.

Everything went smoothly. Mine spoke excellent English and mixed easily although it was a long time before she even smiled. She was about 17 I think

Work was arranged for her -

Sewing on buttons at a blouse factory! This kept her occupied while we sisters went to our duties - Sarah a senior dietitian and I was a civil servant working with top secret scientists!

Nina lived in an apartment the home of the boys, and had time to herself. She took up painting and did very well and her work was shown in Mexico etc as well as U.S.A. She won several award as you will find noted in the enclosed catalogue.

She gave me one painting which she named "Old Walls by the Sea", and which has now been despatched to you, due to the kindness of friends of mine.

The main picture is of three walls of an old building standing by the sea. On each wall is a broken patch - wall one is black, two is brown and three is a view of the sea.

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A professional painter saw this and immediately said "It shows her life!"

How? - the black mark representing life in Munich, the second is life in wartime London, England, and the third is New York life!!

P.S.

re. Mina Kocherthaler.

The rest of her story is sad and I would like you to get it from her sister. However if Anne will not give it please tell me and I will give you what I know.

Thank you -

MINA KOCHERTHALER
124 WEST 79TH STREET
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Dec. 6, 1973

Dear Annette;

Solomon has left according to the office of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue. They are in touch with him and we'll write him that you would like to hear from him. I assume that he is still on this continent, but am not sure. The conversation had to be brief, as I work at Anni's place on Wednesdays and do not like to make private calls. No privileges for the Boss' sister. After work I went to a champagne reception at the Cath. Lorillard WOLFE art Club where I received the Katherine A. Lovell Memorial Award. It is considerably less than Henry Kissinger's Nobel prize, but I am pleased, anyway. Katherine Lorillard Wolfe was one of the founders

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My dear Annette,

1000 thanks for your letter, I was so glad to get it. Minna's death was really a shock for me - must have been the same for you! She always has been so close to me, just like my husband. Both being so far away I have to start a new life - rather

difficult in my age but I must
manage somehow.

One week before her going I spoke to
her, she was depressed deeply - I tried
to comfort her with no result. So I
knew at once what had happened when
dear Albert's call came. At 11 p.m., I
did not sleep that night.

It is so very hard for Anni, she is
feeling quite lost. Her bike in her
sister's apartment, the visits to her sister

when going to Central Park, all that
is gone. And gone are all our nice trips
and meetings with Nina in England.
Do you remember? So let us be grateful
for all the joy and fun we have had
with our Nina

lots of love to you and your dear
kind family
yours Marianne

...Nina's best friends



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Mena Kochenthaler
1938

Sent by her father
before she went to
England.



Kocherthaler

1939

sent by her father
before she went
to England



Mina Locherkaler

1950.



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~~Lenny Rosen~~

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Mina Asa
Bride



Mina K

und Brahman Elkin



End of Mina Kocherthaler Collection

